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under recoveries on account of irrecoverable/hon-recoverable State taxes including central sales tax are made up through the extant state surcharge scheme.

Use of CNG in all Government vehicles

2415. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Compressed Natural Gas is a pollution-free fuel;
- (b) if so, whether Government are going to take any concrete action to encourage use of this gas in the vehicles;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that, so far, it is not being used even in the vehicles of Government Departments; and
- (d) if so, by when Government will use this fuel in all Government vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Various incentives such as concessional custom duty on import of CNG kit, lower price of CNG *vis-a-vis* other fuels, no sales tax on CNG in Delhi etc., have been offered to encourage use of CNG.
- (c) and (d) CNG is already being used in large number of Government vehicles.

OU in the Krishna-Godavari project in A.P.

2416. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC could find oil in a new structure in the Krishna-Godavari Project of Andhra Pradesh recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and